

WHAT WILL BE DONE WITH RUSSIANS?

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO ENTERTAIN THE NEW MINISTER TO CHINA



William J. Calhoun.

William James Calhoun, the new American minister to China, is due to arrive here on Monday on the Tenyo Maru, en route to Peking. Arrangements have been practically completed for his entertainment by the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce at Luncheon, at the Alexander Young Hotel. Mr. Calhoun was invited by the Commercial Club a month ago, when he was expected to sail, but since then it has been mutually agreed that the chamber of commerce should invite him, and the distinguished passenger will therefore probably meet Honoluluans at the Young under the auspices of the chamber of commerce. Mr. Calhoun was one of Chicago's leading lawyers when he accepted President Taft's offer of the Peking diplomatic post. The position is regarded as one of the most important in the diplomatic service at this time, and Honolulu's guest of next Tuesday is going to take up one of the most conspicuous diplomatic posts in the world.

QUARANTINE POSSIBILITIES

May Be Necessary to Isolate Hawaii in Order to Satisfy San Francisco.

President E. A. Mott Smith, of the board of health, yesterday said that the present health difficulties on the island of Hawaii had been requested for many months by the board of health, and that considerable had already been done to meet conditions. As a result of the vigorous work here, Honolulu has not had even plague in infected rats for about three years, and equally thorough work will now probably be done in Honomu district. Upon my visit last October to Hawaii," said Mott Smith, "I urged upon the planning interests of the Honomu and Hilo districts the necessity of better sanitation, not in Honolulu alone, but in every plantation in these districts. While in general my suggestions have met with support, in some instances there has been reluctance. My visit was occasioned by the finding of several infected rats in different localities in these districts and the occurrence of several sporadic cases. Up to that time no case had appeared for considerably over a year. However, it was felt that if a milder case were made the disease could be wiped out altogether. A great deal of work has been done, but it now appears that the campaign must be strengthened, and carried on more vigorously. If that be done there is no doubt in my opinion that we may have the same success that we have heretofore had in other districts of the islands in entirely disposing of the infection. We have not had this disease nor infected (Continued on Page Two)

IMMIGRATION BOARD MAY BE SUED

Rumor of Million-Dollar Action Against Territorial Labor Bureau.

LIGHTFOOT KNOWS NOTHING

Russians Ready to Institute Proceedings for Their Own Importation.

A suit for a sum in the neighborhood of a million dollars is to be brought by private parties against the Territorial Board of Immigration, according to a strong rumor that was current yesterday. The suit is to be for \$1,000,000 for each one of the Russian immigrants brought from Manchuria, and will be based on the ground that the importation of the Russians was a violation of the contract labor clause of the immigration laws.

The federal law provides that private parties who have reason to believe that the immigration laws have been violated may bring suit against the violators and that the penalty for violation, \$1,000 in each case shall go to the informers. A suit along the same line was brought several years ago in the case of 110 Koreans who, it was claimed, had been brought into the country illegally. The instigators of that suit were J. A. Matthewsman, now circuit judge on Hawaii; C. R. Hemenway and Wade Warren Thayer. For some reason the suits in the case of the Koreans were discontinued. But the suit in the case of the Russians, if it is brought, will be for a much larger sum, as 700 or 800 Russians have been imported and more are on the way to Hawaii.

A very peculiar feature of the present case, according to the rumor, is that the Russians themselves are to bring suit against the board of immigration for having imported them as (Continued on Page Four)

BARKEEPS WERE ALL INNOCENT

Each One Admitted It, but Booze Commissioners Looked Doubtful.

Half a dozen anxious but absolutely innocent saloonkeepers were upon the carpet before the liquor license commissioners yesterday afternoon. It was apparent that they were anxious, and they must have been innocent, for they submitted themselves that they were.

The first man called up was the proprietor of the Old Corner saloon, who was charged by the inspector with having, on February 25, peddled a drink to a girl asleep in a room, and also, with having sold a bottle of gin to an intoxicated man.

Proprietor Fox explained that the sleeper had only been reclining in the arms of Morphine, or was it Heroin, when Fennell entered the door, and saw him. He himself was not going to assist the warty wench, as he told the girl, he said that in the second night of the Marion Caldwell case was going to call on a friend and wanted to make his welcome with him. Fox made might not have been entirely sober, but he certainly wasn't drunk. If he happened to trip over something on the street and give the impression of staggering, that was not the fault of the barkeeper. The barkeeper was not responsible for the actions of his patrons on the street. Anyway, he said, Fennell first took the booze away from the sailor but later returned it and let him go.

No Lodgers Wanted.

The second victim was Barkeeper Woods of the Mint saloon, who was accused of having let a weary drinker sleep in the rear of the saloon. Woods explained that this was only about fifteen minutes after he went on watch and he had no idea there was anybody back there. The man must have come in just before the saloon watch changed and so he left him. But he would not have permitted him to turn the saloon into a lodging house, if they had known of it.

Manager Lewis, of Levee's & Co., who is the proprietor of the saloon, added that he had given his employees strict orders to comply with the requirements of the law.

Two Exhibits Shown.

The two proprietors of the Green and saloon, in Kaka'ako, came next. They were accused of having sold to a (Continued on Page Four)

BATTLE IN CONGRESS THAT LASTS ALL NIGHT

NOTED VISITOR ON WILHELMINA TODAY

Walter C. Witherbee of Port Henry, New York, where his family for generations have had large iron interests, is a passenger on the Wilhelmina, due to arrive today from San Francisco. He is accompanied by his wife and daughter. They plan to remain here about a week, returning to the Coast on the same vessel.

Mr. Witherbee is an enthusiastic Yale man. He was a classmate and the intimate friend of Henry Taft, younger brother of President Taft. Witherbee and Henry Taft were chums. They were together recently in Los Angeles where Mr. Taft was seriously ill, and for a time it was thought that his president brother would go to his bedside. Henry Taft intended coming to Honolulu, but his illness compelled a change of plans.

Mr. Witherbee is also a classmate of Rev. Johannes Scudler of Central Union church.

MANY BOOKINGS.

The new booking fee system inaugurated by the Mason steamship company local agency reaped a golden harvest yesterday, about \$200 in fees being taken in. These fees apply on tickets when the persons booked pay over the fare for same.

CHINESE PRINCE COMING HERE

Governor Frear Advised by Cable of Approach of Distinguished Visitor.

Honolulu is soon to have an opportunity to entertain another member of an imperial oriental family. Prince Tsai Tso of China is due to arrive here next month, en route to the mainland, where he is to study military affairs. He is a commissioner of the Chinese government to inspect the American military system, and will be afforded every courtesy. Governor Frear has been notified by cable of the expected visit, the department of state having requested, through the interior department, that the Prince be suitably entertained here.

Governor Frear will arrange to see that the Chinese Prince is received at the wharf and given proper honors during his stay in port. His visit to the mainland is on a mission on which China is sending representatives to many lands—the study of modern military methods.

JAPAN MAKES ANOTHER MOVE.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—It is reported that most important negotiations between the United States and Japan are about to take formal shape and set at rest the problems of the open door in China, as well as other points of difference between the leaders of the Orient and America.

It is anticipated that Japan will soon submit formal proposals to the secretary of state outlining an agreement between Japan and the United States under which the two countries will guarantee the open door in China and dominate the Orient.

TAFT ON NEWSPAPERS.

LID AGO, March 17.—President Taft devoted himself to certain newspapers of the country in his address here today. The President spoke of the newspapers that misrepresent facts concerning public affairs and scolded them in vigorous terms. He admitted that there are newspapers that do not misrepresent facts.

ARMSTRONG RECEIVES AWARD OF GOLD MEDAL

Manufacturer Gets Recognition at the Hands of Seattle Fair Officials.

Among the smaller manufacturers to receive recognition at the hands of the Seattle exposition is J. C. L. Armstrong of No. 110 E. Union street. Mr. Armstrong exhibited a beautiful tea chair, and yesterday he received the following letter:

Mr. J. C. L. Armstrong, Honolulu.—Dear Sir: At the request of Mr. Henry H. Wood, director of the world's and prize fairs of the Alaska-Yukon-Idaho Exposition, I am writing you the following letter in order to certify that you have exhibited at Seattle Peace Exposition a beautiful and elegant tea chair.

Yours very truly, H. P. Wood, Seattle, Wash., U.S.A.

Alaska-Yukon-Idaho Exposition

Rebels Against Cannon Cause All Night Debate.

Regular Republicans Beaten and Fighting for Time at 2:30 This Morning--Washington Excited.

WASHINGTON, March 18, 2:30 a. m.—Congress is still in session, after a wild night of political battle, in which the Republican insurgents and the Democrats repeatedly defeated the Cannon "regular" Republican forces.

At 2:30 this morning, in an effort to gain time, the Republicans moved an adjournment. It was their third effort to adjourn, and it was defeated by a vote of 134 to 135, amid wild excitement. Hurry up calls had been sent by wire to New York and Philadelphia to get absent members into the chamber, and the debate continues at this hour, 2:30 a. m., with Republicans sending messages in every direction to get together enough regulars to at least force an adjournment.

The debate was precipitated over a trivial matter, but it served to cause an outbreak of the anti-Cannon sentiment and bring on a sensational debate.

The battle against the house rules was the fiercest ever waged, on the subject. Party lines were completely obliterated in the discussion of the rules of the house which the Democrats and the insurgents claim give the speaker undue power.

For eleven hours a debate raged which will be historic, and as it drew to a close the regular Republicans were found filibustering, being unable to carry their side in a vote. They attempted to adjourn repeatedly, but the insurgents and Democrats were in a majority and insisted on forcing the issue.

During the day session the insurgents and Democrats twice defeated the regular Republicans. The taste of blood seemed to infuriate the anti-Cannon forces, there was an unexpected concerted movement against Speaker Cannon. The best orators on all sides spoke in a fierce debate over house rules.

Speaker Cannon left the chair and took the floor in defense of his own actions.

News of the great political battle spread about the city, and the galleries of congress were quickly jammed with spectators, who are still watching the proceedings at 2:30 this morning.

At this time the Cannonists are fighting only for time. Their efforts to cause an adjournment having failed, they are seeking to delay matters until they can call in more regulars who are absent. Automobiles are busy seeking absent regulars, and the party leaders think they can save the day for Cannon if they can delay a vote long enough to bring in absent regular Republicans.

There is a motion before the house to appoint an entirely new committee on rules, and deprive the Speaker of power to appoint committees.

SOMEONE STOLE THE IRISH SOD

Taft Plan to Speak From the "Auld Sod" Frustrated in Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 18.—A piece of Irish soil, imported for the purpose of yesterday's St. Patrick's Day celebration, was stolen and could not be used in the ceremonies as planned. President Taft was to have stood on the imported Irish soil in making his address to a gathering of Irishmen, but when the meeting time came the soil could not be found. Someone had stolen it, and so the President was not able to stand on Irish soil while he talked on Ireland's day. The theft of the "Auld Sod," which had been specially imported for the occasion, is a mystery.

LANGFORD WON IN EIGHTH.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 17.—

RAPID TRANSIT TO THE COUNTRY CLUB ROAD

Line to Be Extended, if Nuuanu Avenue Is Widened--The Wai'alae Ten-Minute Service.

The Honolulu Rapid Transit Company, at a meeting of the directors yesterday afternoon, decided to lengthen the Nuuanu line so that its terminus will be about opposite the country club road. In order to meet the new distance a switch will be installed about opposite the present terminus at the Maunaloa.

The extension of this line, however, depends largely upon the action of property holders beyond the present terminus in widening the road in certain parts and straightening out some of the projections. The Honolulu Rapid Transit Company is willing to extend the line at any time the property owners agree their part of the program is fulfilled.

The company also voted to give Wai'alae a ten-minute service at the earliest possible moment, the ten-minute service to be put in operation during the rush hours of morning and later afternoon. The company will go right ahead and put in the necessary switches.

There was also some talk of double tracking on King street beyond even the present point, which involve King street between Diamond street and the Palama fire station. The company feels that the double tracking will be necessary to insure the best of service.

As to the extension to Pearl Harbor that matter is held up pending a decision from Washington concerning certain rights of way. As soon as this is settled the company will commence work on the extension as most of the materials for the same have been assembled here.

NEW RAILROAD MAKING HILO MEN SUBURBANITE

Plans for Homestead Associations Along the Line of the Hamakua Extension of the Hilo Railway.

Special to The Advertiser.

Hilo, March 14.—An entirely new phase in homesteading has just been inaugurated here, and it is one that will undoubtedly grow with the development of the side of the island. It is the extension of the Hilo-Hamakua railway, and the homesteaders are forming associations along the line of the Hamakua extension of the Hilo railway. No land is being sold, but the associations are forming themselves into homestead associations, and the land is being sold to the associations. This is a new phase in homesteading, and it is one that will undoubtedly grow with the development of the side of the island.

Twenty positions under the company, now in their fourth year of office, and many of them re-elected to a second term. This shows that they are worthy and responsible. They figure that, having homesteads a few miles from town, they can come to and go home from work by regular trains, while their salaries will enable them to comply with all the terms of the homestead law and probably improve the property for their families to a much greater extent than the law requires.

As soon as the trains are running a large number of young Portuguese will make similar requests for land, and these, as already be, railroad construction will be followed by agricultural development and home building. This is a feature of homesteading with which the government will have to cope with care and caution. It is certainly in the best of the first Hawaiian and that they follow the opportunity.